

BRIEF LOCALS

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

The Columbia Portland Cement company are commencing operations, having erected works at Rock Bay.

O'Brien & Varelman, of the Excelsior brewery, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Varelman retires and will go east.

An enjoyable concert was given last night by the young people of Emmanuel Baptist church. There was a good attendance and an interesting programme was given.

Christian Endeavor Society officers were elected last night as follows: President, Mr. George McCandless; Vice-President, Miss Elsie M. Arthur; Secretary, Mr. John Gill, and Treasurer, Miss L. McGregor.

Captain Rice, of the bark Detroit, has received instructions from the owners of the bark not to take any steps till heard from again.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria, which was held yesterday in First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of the next General Assembly of the Presbytery in Canada, which convenes in June in London, Ont.

Mrs. Hodgert lectured before a fair audience in the rooms of the Theosophical Society last night. The lecture was listened to with great interest.

Victoria council, Royal Templars of Temperance, have elected officers for the ensuing year: S. C. H. O'Neill, V. C. J. Molloy; Chaplain, H. B. Ball; Secretary, H. McDermid; Financial Secretary, E. Moiley; Treasurer, J. Yeoi; Herald, H. L. Harding; Guard, M. McGregor, and Sentinel, John Hepburn.

There has been no conference as yet between the committee of the sealing owners and the committee from the hunters, but it is very likely that there will be one very soon.

Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1426, elected officers last night: Bro. Wm. Jackson, W. M.; Wm. Clarke, D. M.; Isaac Walsh, chaplain; J. Cummins, recording secretary; G. McAfee, financial secretary; John Walsh, treasurer; H. Cummins, R. Beauchamp, H. Smith, A. Wilson and T. Baker were appointed as a committee to examine reports.

The steam schooner Thistle returned to Victoria yesterday, after having discharged 80,000 pounds of ballast at Vancouver for shipment east.

A Tacoma dispatch says: "Fourteen pounds of opium were seized on the City of Kingston yesterday, and a box consigned to a Walla Walla Chinaman was seized. A consignment of the drug which appeared on the Victoria manifest, has disappeared, and search is being made for it."

At a meeting of the Conservative association last evening it was partly decided to tender Sir Charles Tupper a banquet, and to also arrange a public meeting of electors, which he will address on the occasion of his visit here.

Henry Walsh was brought before Mr. Justice Drake this morning to elect trial on a charge of attempting to escape from the provincial jail. The prisoner elected to be tried before a judge without a jury, and pleaded guilty to the charge.

Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., held its weekly meeting last night in Temperance hall. After the opening ceremonies two candidates were initiated. There were several visitors present, and they were regaled with a programme of songs, recitations and instrumental music. Refreshments were served and an unusually pleasant meeting brought to a close.

The San Francisco Call publishes a story to the effect that Great Britain is preparing to arm the three Empresses of the Canadian Pacific steamship line and have them in readiness in case of any emergency that might arise in the course of the negotiations for peace between Japan and China.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

as follows: Banquet—Messrs. Charles Hayward, D. R. Ker and T. B. Hall. Public meeting—Messrs. D. M. Eberts, Q. C. A. J. McLellan and E. A. Lewis.

An excellent musical programme and a subsequent dance afforded good entertainment at the "talent social" given last evening by Mrs. Brown, at her residence on South Park street.

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THE EASTERN WAR. Koreans Said to Have Broken Promises to Japanese. London, Dec. 6.—A Tokio dispatch says the Korean government has broken their promise made to the Japanese minister at Seoul regarding international reforms and instead it has been discovered that they secretly connived to bring about risings among the natives.

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W. Thousands of Labor Unions at a Big Fight. Question. Denver, Col., of the old claim ing at Fourteenth and where in the trade of millions assembles, there morning hundred the tone and side energy of the United States. gates to the foun tion of the Am Labor, and amon every trade and new world. It heavy fine loo sentatives of the must have imine on the mind of J societies from the The hall was with the banners labor organizations the members of a leries. Promptly at te Gompers, P. J. Marden mounted respectively John and John William labor members of some to this con tives from the land. Their aneal for upratio please, the deleg wing the enthusia moments. After quiet ha some were expro state of Colorado and the labor uni and appropriate by President Com delegates. The reary Chris Evi the call for the ga part: "It is not unim to the fact that nessed strange se strange that the agnism. The T country were alri rights secured and be treated with ed ties of our peopl The judiciary, yeld bidding of a partic by the fragant is restraining union their legal and na ishing them for a fure in the wa jury. The right o to organize for sel in jeopardy, the e organizations to the first time in t try of Miss May Coats and injur William H. Waste, a young lawyer, who were passengers, were arrested and charged with manslaughter, but were released later on their own recognizances. An examination of the cables showed that the accident was not caused by a broken strand, as reported last evening. All things go to indicate that it was the fault of Carmen Joseph and Wilson. They apparently attempted to cross ahead of the train so as not to be delayed.